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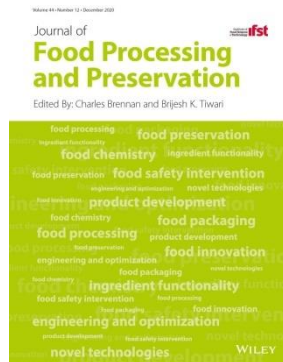


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## REMOVAL OF DIESEL POLLUTION BY BIOCHAR – SUPPORT IN WATER REMEDIATION

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### **Abstract**

*Water contaminated with diesel oil is one of the great challenges in waste water management. It is crucial to remove the water soluble fractions (WSF) from water in order to avoid toxic effects of these compounds and to meet the discharge regulations set by the environmental authorities. Biochar sorbents have generated a lot of attention as a new type of material due to their low cost origin and surface properties which lead to exceptionally high sorption capacities in water-pollution separation process. In this study, we have reported the synthesis and characteristics of novel biochar sorbent made from waste lignocellulosic biomass (peach stones) and evaluated its possible application in removal of WSF from synthetic wastewater. The synthesized biochar materials were characterized using scanning electron microscopy (SEM), Fourier (FTIR) and Brunauer, Emmett and Teller (BET) technique, while the elemental analysis was also done. Characterisation of peach stone biochar (PS-B) indicated multi porous high surface area (159.1 m<sup>2</sup>/g), with an average pore diameter of 2.66 nm. FTIR results indicated the presence of more aromatic compounds in biochar compared to peach stones. The sorption experiments were performed in batch system with mixing, with initial WSF of diesel components of 20 mg/L. The application of peach stone biochar (PS-B) resulted in more than 95% removal of diesel WSF, with reaching equilibrium after 5h of contact (under described operational conditions). Sorption mechanism can be described as multilayer chemisorption process, well described by Freundlich equation, which was also confirmed by pseudo-second order equation. Ecotoxicology tests have shown a decrease of toxicity of contaminated water on *A. fischeri* after the treatment of water by biochar sample. Therefore these forms of carbon based sorbents have great potential to be good sorbents of petroleum hydrocarbons WSF and can be successfully applied for their removal in water treatments.*

**Key words:** diesel, WSF, food processing waste, biochar, sorption, ecotoxicology.

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## CITY OF ZVORNIK

The municipality of Zvornik covers the surface area of 387 square kilometers in the north-eastern part of the Republic of Srpska in Bosnia and Herzegovina, an area with the population of 65 000. The town of Zvornik is situated on the eastern slopes of the mountain of Majeвица, at 146 m above sea level. It is surrounded by the municipalities of Bratunac, Milići, Vlasenica (to the south), Šekovići, Osmaci, Sapna, Kalesija (to the west), Lopare, Ugljevik and Bijeljina (to the north). The river Drina on the east is a borderline with Republic of Serbia, i.e. the town of Loznica and the municipality of Zvornik.

The municipality of Zvornik is a crossroads of important roads to Sarajevo, Belgrade, Novi Sad, Bijeljina and Tuzla. Two bridges on the river Drina for road and rail traffic connect this area with the wider region, with Zvornik in the center, at equal distances from the three major cities – Belgrade, Novi Sad, and Sarajevo (approximately 160 km).

Fertile plains, a river rich in fish and suitable for navigation, mountains rich with forests, game and minerals have attracted people to settle the area since prehistoric times, and the earliest known inhabitants were the Scordisci, a Celtic tribe. The name Zvornik has been used since 1519, and the settlement was first mentioned in 1410 under the name of “Zvonik”. Historic sites include the old town Đurđevgrad or the Zvornik fortress, the old town of Kušlat, The Andraš villa, the sheik's türbe, and the türbe of the poet Kaimija, necropolises and medieval tombstones called “stećci”, the church St John the Baptist, and the local museum holds a collection of specimens of the cultural and historic heritage.

Natural resources include the hydro power potential of the river Drina as it runs through its territory for 50 km. Zvornik lake covers the surface area of 19 square kilometers (25 km in length and 1.3 km in width). It offers great possibilities for tourism, sports and recreation. The resources include the springs of mineral water from Kozluk and Vitinički Kiseljak, reserves of quartz sand, brick clay, structural stone, limestone and gravel. The municipality has 13 700 ha covered by forest, 16 600 ha of arable land, and 10 500 farming households.

The municipality of Zvornik has 280 companies with 4500 employees, 800 businesses with 13000 employees, and around 40 institutions with approximately 2500 employees.

The most significant companies are AD Alumina factory Birač, Holding "Drinatrans" AD, AD "Zvornik putevi", AD "Vitinka", , DOO "Studen-prom", DOO "Obuća", AD "Vodovod i komunalije", DOO "Zo-Ži" , etc. Zvornik has founded a Business Zone covering a surface area of 10 ha with a complete infrastructure, suitable for investment.

Zvornik has 6 primary schools with 4200 pupils, two secondary schools with 18000 students, and one higher education institution - The Faculty of Technology. There is also Helath Institution and General Hospital important for the whole region.

German NGO *GTZ* has pronounced the municipality of Zvornik the best municipality in Bosnia and Herzegovina with respect to the treatment of the young, and the European Movement in Bosnia and Herzegovina has awarded Zvornik with “European open area” award.



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